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General

<b>What is this child care grant opportunity?</b>	This is a one-time grant opportunity for payments for absences to child care providers that served at least one child in receipt of child care assistance for care provided on or after April 1, 2020, and prior to December 1, 2021; were licensed, registered, permitted or enrolled as of October 19, 2022; and who are currently open and in good standing.
<b>What is the deadline to apply?</b>	The online application can be submitted beginning October 19, 2022, until December 16, 2022, at 11:59 pm ET, with the exception of Day Care Centers in New York City (permitted Article 47 group day care programs) which will be able to submit beginning November 1, 2022, until December 16, 2022, at 11:59 pm ET. Applications received by OCFS after this deadline will not be reviewed.
<b>How long will the grant application take me to fill out?</b>	The grant application is not lengthy and will take about 20 minutes to complete. Have your SFS Vendor ID ready. If you do not have one, be prepared to fill out a substitute W-9 form in the application.
<b>How long after filling out the application will I find out if I am approved or not for grant funds?</b>	As soon as the application has been submitted you will see a confirmation message that indicates if you are approved, under review or denied. An email will be sent to you with the confirmation and any follow up information.
<b>If approved, when will I receive my first payment?</b>	Initial payments were issued on November 8, 2022, and final payments are scheduled for 2/28/2023. Awardees will receive payment within 30 days of completing application requirements.
<b>Where can I get help with my NY.GOV ID?</b>	Locate the My NY.GOV ID troubleshooting guide on the <a href="#">OCFS grant opportunity webpage</a> for assistance and tips.
<b>Is the grant only reimbursing for actual expenses or is the grant amount a set amount based on modality?</b>	The grant is a set amount based the age of the youngest child served in receipt of assistance during the relevant time period, provider type and which region of the state you live in, for each year that you were eligible.
<b>Is the grant funding considered taxable income?</b>	Yes, grant funding is taxable income.



<b>Are there any restrictions on what I can spend grant funds on?</b>	There are no restrictions on how you spend the grant funds. These funds are considered retroactive compensation for child care absences during the COVID-19 pandemic.
<b>Can I modify the grant application once submitted if I noticed an error or need to make a change to the application?</b>	No, you cannot modify your application once submitted. If you need to make a change to your application reach out to OCFS mailbox at: <a href="mailto:ocfs.sm.retro.absences.grant@ocfs.ny.gov">ocfs.sm.retro.absences.grant@ocfs.ny.gov</a>
<b>Where can I find my facility ID?</b>	Your facility ID was listed in the grant invitation email sent to you from OCFS. It is also on your license, registration, permit, or enrollment.
<b>How much grant money should I anticipate being awarded?</b>	The range for grant payments is \$480.00 to \$1,560.00.
<b>What is a successor program?</b>	A successor program is a program that had a valid license, registration, permit or enrollment during the relevant period they are applying for (April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021 and/or April 1, 2021-November 30, 2021); was in good standing prior to closure; submitted an application to the appropriate oversight office for licensing, registration, permitting or enrollment within 30 days of closure; and is a licensed, registered, permitted, or enrolled program as of October 19, 2022 in good standing as of the date of application. Such programs are considered eligible for this grant if they submit to OCFS by 2/14/2023 the original facility ID; program name during the period the program is applying for; director/provider contact information; date original program ended (last day of operation); successor facility ID; program name; director/provider name; and explanation of the reason for the change.



## Eligibility

<p><b>Who is eligible for the Child Care Retroactive Absences Payments Grant?</b></p>	<p>To receive a retroactive absences payment, providers must apply during the application period and be able to confirm the following eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•They had an active license, registration, permit, or enrollment to provide child care as of October 19, 2022,</li> <li>•They are currently open and “in good standing”, and</li> <li>•They served, and attest to serving, at least one child in receipt of child care assistance from the New York Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) during one or both time periods, April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021, and/or April 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How will I know if I am eligible for this grant?</b></p>	<p>An email invitation was sent by OCFS to all licensed, registered, and enrolled legally exempt providers on October 18, 2022. Permitted Article 47 group day care programs received an email invitation on November 1, 2022.</p>
<p><b>What does it mean to be “in good standing?”</b></p>	<p>“In good standing” is defined as a child care program that is in a licensed, registered, or permitted (NYC Article 47) status, or for legally exempt providers is enrolled with an enrollment agency, and at the time of signing the attestation, the provider is not the subject of an active enforcement action by OCFS or the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). Ineligible OCFS enforcement statuses for licensed and registered providers include: Suspension of License/Registration, Limitation of License/Registration, Suspension and Proposed Revocation of License/Registration, Denial of Application to Renew License/Registration. Ineligible NYC DOHMH enforcement statuses for NYC Article 47 group day care programs include: Commissioner’s order suspending the permit, Show cause hearing, Denial of renewal, revocation of permit.</p>



## Grant Application Process

<b>Where is the link for the online application portal?</b>	An email invitation was sent by OCFS to all licensed, registered, and enrolled legally exempt providers on October 18, 2022. Permitted Article 47 group day care programs received an email invitation on November 1, 2022. OCFS will not be posting an apply link to the online portal.
<b>I did not receive an email invitation to apply but I think I should be eligible for the grant?</b>	If you did not get an invitation e-mail, please check with your licensor, registrar, enrollment agency or DOHMH, that there is a valid e-mail address on file for your program.
<b>How soon will I know if I have been approved for grant funds?</b>	After submitting the grant application providers will see an immediate submission confirmation message and the status of approved, under review or denied. A confirmation email containing any follow up details will also be sent to you upon application submission.
<b>What does it mean if my submitted application is “Under Review?”</b>	A submitted application may be marked Under Review if the SFS Vendor ID was not found in the system, if the reported periods of care do not match program operation, or the facility status must be reviewed.
<b>When were the emails with the application link sent out to eligible providers?</b>	Emails containing an application link that is unique for each provider were sent to all licensed, registered, and enrolled legally exempt providers on October 18, 2022. Permitted Article 47 group day care programs received an email invitation on November 1, 2022. received an email on November 1, 2022.
<b>If a provider has two facilities, do they need to use one or two different my.ny.gov accounts, or can they use the same ny.gov accounts?</b>	You can use the same My NY.GOV account but will need to enter applications for the two separate facility IDs.
<b>Can you apply for both time periods if you were open for both?</b>	Yes, you can apply for both of the time periods. Select Yes that you were open and operating during both times.
<b>I have three daycares under one email account, will I be able to submit one application per daycare or one application total?</b>	If you have three different eligible programs, you will have to submit individual applications for each. This means there will be three applications.
<b>What should I do if my application was denied but I think I should be eligible?</b>	Send an email to the OCFS email account for this grant at: <a href="mailto:ocfs.sm.retro.absences.grant@ocfs.ny.gov">ocfs.sm.retro.absences.grant@ocfs.ny.gov</a>
<b>I have filled out the application form but cannot submit the form when I click the button?</b>	Make sure that all of the required fields marked with a red asterisk have been filled out, including within the W-9 form.